

Magistrate Working Group

Recommendation of Legislation

Group Members

- Magistrates

AOC HR

- Clerks of Court

AOC Legal

- School Of Government Professor

AOC Personnel

- Sr Resident Superior Court Judge

- Chief District Court Judges

- Public Defender

- Trial Court Coordinators

Magistrates are Woozles

- Unique Nature of the position and Job
- Like Judges but not
- Like Clerks but not
- Just different
- Magistrates like the 3 different boss structure

Constitution v. Legislation

- Constitution sets out some parameters
- Agree recommendations will not require amendment to Constitution
- Legislative changes will be recommended

Source of Input

- Clerks Conference
- Magistrates Conference
- Chief District Court Judge's Conference and questionnaires
- Sr Resident input
- School of Government Professor
- AOC HR and Legal

Code of Conduct

- Direct AOC to create a Code of Conduct for Magistrates
- Uniform across the State
- Similar to the Code of Judicial Conduct
- RECOMMEND LEGISLATION

Amend date of Submission

- Amend the date of submission of names to the Sr Resident to January
- Allows a new clerk more than one week to decide the names to be submitted to the Sr Resident Superior Court Judge for consideration
- Discussion about failure of Sr Resident to act, etc
- RECOMMEND LEGISLATION

Jurisdiction

50b, 50c, Rule 60(b)(1), \$10,000

- Uniformity is goal
 - Questionnaires and input from Chiefs, Magistrates, Clerks
 - Rural v Urban
 - Access to Justice
 - No Change
 - Delete word Emergency for Assignment of Magistrates in district
- LEGISLATION

Chief Magistrate Position

- Add as a Position
- Training and Pay
- Budget Issues
- Future Goal

Discipline

- Chief District Court Judge Supervisor with no authority
- Insurance and Retirement issues for no pay for over half of month
- Different options
- **LEGISLATION RECOMMENDED**